

## Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

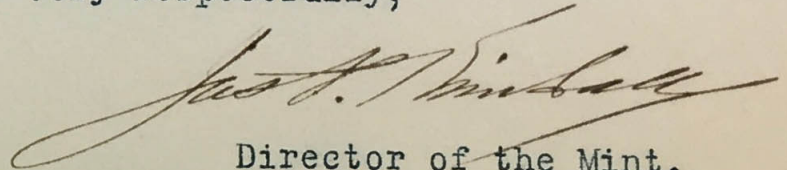
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